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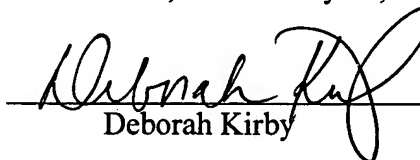
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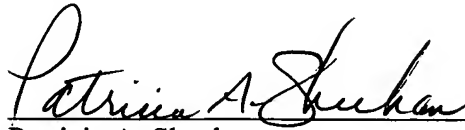
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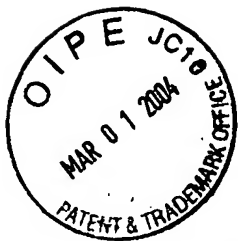
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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
10/440,588	5/19/03	MULTIPLE READS ON DATA DETECTION
09/481,210	10/13/99	DETECTING ERRORS IN CODED BIT STRINGS
09/439,774	11/12/99	SHARED GALOIS FIELD MULTIPLIER
10/280,881	10/25/02	CONCAVE TRAILING EDGE WRITE POLE FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING
09/999,043	11/1/01	MASTER SOFT UNDER LAYER FOR PRINTING PERPENDICULAR MEDIA
10/136,153	5/1/02	PREMAGNETIZATION PROCESS FOR PRINTING LONGITUDINAL MEDIA
10/027,221	12/21/01	IMPROVED PRINTING LONGITUDINAL MEDIA BY PERPENDICULAR FIELD
10/253,763	9/24/02	ON SLIDER INDUCTORS AND CAPACITORS TO REDUCE ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE DAMAGE
10/269,159	10/11/02	MAGNETO BIAS CURRENT PERPENDICULAR TO PLANE GIANT MAGNETO RESISTIVE SENSOR
10/282,075	10/28/02	SOFT UNDERLAYER STRUCTURE FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING
10/408,650	4/7/03	INCREASING AREAL DENSITY IN MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA
10/694,328	10/27/03	ENCODING METHOD USING CODE VIOLATION POINTERS
10/454,326	6/4/03	ERROR RECOVERY STRAGETIES FOR ITERATIVE DECODERS
10/608,320	6/27/03	SIMPLE ERROR-CORRECTION CODES FOR DATA BUFFERS
10/680,264	10/7/03	SYMBOL-LEVEL SOVA AND A SIMPLICATION ON SOVA